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SUBJECT: MILITARY UTILITY AND POLICY VALUE OF MASTER DATA

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EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

1. DEPARTMENT PRESENTLY CONSIDERING VARIOUS PROPOSED NEW MASTER DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS WHICH DOD DESIRES TO SIGN WITH DEFENSE MINISTRIES OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES OTHER THAN YOUR HOST COUNTRY. THESE AGREEMENTS ENVISION SPECIFIC DATA EXCHANGE PROJECTS SUBSEQUENT TO MASTER AGREEMENT AND ARE OTHERWISE SIMILAR TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT SIGNED IN THE PAST (AND STILL IN EFFECT) WITH YOUR HOST DEFENSE MINISTRY. DEPARTMENT HAS POLICY RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE NEWLY PROPOSED AGREEMENTS. HAVING LITTLE CURRENT BACKGROUND, HOWEVER, ON THE EXPERIENCES OF PAST AND PRESENT CHIEFS OF MISSION IN OVERSEEING SUCH AGREEMENTS WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR CANDID, GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF THE POLICY VALUE AND MILITARY UTILITY OF THE MASTER AGREEMENT (AND SUBSEQUENT PROJECTS DEVELOPED UNDER IT) WITH YOUR COUNTRY. DEPARTMENT MAINLY INTERESTED WHETHER MASTER AGREEMENT HAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED CONDUCT OF GENERAL BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. ALSO DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF FOLLOWING:

A. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MASTER AGREEMENT (OR SUBSEQUENT DATA TRANSFER "PROJECTS" ESTABLISHED UNDER IT) AND DOD MANNING LEVELS IN YOUR COUNTRY.

B. EXTENT OF CHIEF OF MISSION'S INFORMATION ABOUT

ND CONTROL OVER DISCUSSIONS OR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DOD REPRESENTATIVES AND HOST MILITARY LEADING UP TO INDIVIDUAL DATA EXCHANGE PROJECTS.

C. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE PROJECTS AND ANY PROPOSED OR ACTUAL COPRODUCTION OR FOREIGN PRODUCTION OF MATERIEL DEVELOPED WITH DATA PROVIDED UNDER DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.

D. WHETHER EXISTENCE OF MASTER AGREEMENT HAS TENDED TO ENCOURAGE HOST GOVERNMENT TO EXPECT USG TO PROVIDE MORE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY THAN USG IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE OR THAT HOST COUNTRY SHOULD REASONABLY EXPECT.

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E. WHETHER USG HAS GOTTEN "ITS MONEY'S WORTH" FROM DATA PROVIDED UNDER MASTER AGREEMENT, IN THE WAY OF REVERSE FLOW OF DATA, GENERAL BILATERAL POLITICAL BENEFITS, RECOUPMENT, OR OTHER QUID PRO QUO.

F. WAYS IN WHICH FUTURE MASTER AGREEMENTS MIGHT BE WRITTEN IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBLE ADVERSE INFLUENCES ON

CONDUCT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS OR IMPEDIMENTS TO EFFECTIVE
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